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## San Francisco Quarantines

San Francisco is now in the throes of a quarantine, which promises to cause a great deal of trouble and expense, and Seattle and other coast cities are having a lot of stir about rats and plague germs. Yet there is no showing that the disease is spreading to any serious extent in San Francisco. There is no sign that the doctors there cannot control and confine it just as the health authorities here have done for years. The final result will be a lesson which Washington will learn, and it will bring about a reform in quarantine rules. San Francisco will probably drag along for years more, with odd cases of plague, and when she finds that the disease does not spread and is not dangerous, she will make a protest against quarantine inconveniences and expenses which will be heard at the national capitol.

Local physicians are quoted as having said, in possible reply to The Star's remarks about the quarantines, that it is not for Honolulu to presume that it can teach the high officials of the federal government what the rules of quarantine ought to be. The fact is, however, that this exactly what local health officials are especially fitted to discuss authoritatively, and with reference to plague our doctors as a rule know far more than those of the Mainland, most of whom never saw a case. A few years ago a federal quarantine officer started to shut San Francisco in, because of a plague case or two, and there was a storm of public objection which overrode even the federal quarantine service. The officer was transferred to another post and the plague was ignored. Within the past few weeks there have been a few more cases than usual, and quarantine precautions, very properly, are being increased. But it is safe to predict that San Francisco will not stand any long-continued shutting in because of a disease which it is fair to say is mildly endemic there, but is not a cause of widespread sickness or a large death roll.

## Exceeds The Dreadnought

The great nations have adopted a policy of very careful secrecy in building war vessels. Not long ago Great Britain launched two supposed cruisers and the world found out that they were battleships. Japan has ship yards working day and night, and the most profound secrecy is maintained as to just what they are doing. Lloyd's Weekly of London announces the launching of a bigger vessel than the Dreadnought, which was ready for launching before anyone, except perhaps spies, knew anything about it: "Great secrecy is being observed as to the ship's design, and the improvements that have been made in her case upon the Dreadnought. The war-ship is to be 460 feet long and 82 feet wide. Her displacement is 18,600 tons, 4,700 more than the Dreadnought.

"Turbine engines of 23,000 horse-power will give her a speed of twenty-one knots. She will carry ten twelve-inch guns in pairs, in five barbettes, and one improvement on the Dreadnought will be the raising of the center barbettes of the middle line to give over the stern barrette, thus allowing a stern fire from eight guns.

"For defense against destroyers and other mosquito craft, twelve-pounders, as in the Dreadnought, have been abandoned, and four-inch guns substituted. This comes of experience gathered by the naval constructors in the war between Russia and Japan.

"Sir Philip Watts, Director of Naval Construction, designed the Bellerophon."

## The Big Fleet's Call Here

The cable from New York, giving the battleships' route homeward bound, or Atlantic bound, is the first definite statement received that the fleet will actually visit Hawaii in all its strength. Honolulu has been a good deal mentioned as a possible headquarters and calling place, but not before with any certain plan of calling. The mention has rather been by press correspondents who drew the conclusion, as a matter of course, that the fleet would visit here. Some have stated that the cruisers would make headquarters here.

The news that the fleet is to return by way of Honolulu and the Far East, makes it certain that we shall see a grand assemblage of war vessels. Sixteen great battleships in and outside of our harbor will constitute a spectacle of the most inspiring nature. No fleet anything like so large or strong has even been in these waters. No fleet so large has ever undertaken such a trip as this one is to make. It is the biggest naval demonstration in history. The coaling and provisioning of the vessels on such a trip constitute a task of warlike proportions and make Russia's achievement with the unlucky Rojestvensky fleet insignificant.

Honolulu will have to make a lot of preparation for such a fleet. Sixteen battleships will want an enormous quantity of fresh supplies of all sorts. They will want thousands of tons of coal and may want some repairs. Upon a satisfactory management of the matter of supplying all these needs here depends to some extent our chance of having more frequent visits from war vessels. If it is found that we can look after them well, so much the better will our chances be of having them call oftener, and of course we all like to see as much of them as possible.

## Law To Stop Flirting

New things in legislation are constantly cropping up in our glorious country. A very interesting and amusing volume might be made of the freak laws and ordinances passed in various sections of the land. Among them, the following, just made law by the signature of the mayor of a South Dakota town, would have a prominent place: "Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Highmore, Hyde county, South Dakota: It shall be unlawful for persons to assemble on the steps of any church, or other

## Tales Worth Telling

ALL WITH HAM.

John Sharp Williams, at the end of his recent debate with Gov. Vardaman "There is a decent and noble pride," said Mr. Williams, "and there is a pride that is mean and ludicrous. An aged citizen of Yazoo tells of an old woman whose pride was of the latter sort.

"This old woman lived in Yorkshire. There was a funeral one day in the next village. She did not attend it, but a neighbor of hers was there. That night she called on the neighbor and said:

"Well, Nancy, I hear you wor at t' funeral."

"'Yes, I wor,' Nancy replied.

"What kind of a funeral wor it?"

"Nancy sniffed.

"Why, it wor a wery mean affair, she said 'There wor nobbut a few biscuit an' sich.'"

"Ah," said the other old woman, "them's the sort of ways I don't hold to. I've lost five, but, thank 'eavin, I've buried 'em all with 'am.'"

A GOOD TRAIT.

Admiral Dewey praised at a dinner in Richmond Springs a certain successful business man.

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"Certainly, madam; and how will you have it? Buttons, ribbons, lace or insertion?"

A PARDONABLE FAULT.

Dr. Edward Evert Hale, discussing a rather flimsy attack that had been made on certain recent statements, smiled and said:

"But who or what is blameless? It is like the case of the Scottish hen.

"An old Scottish woman wished to sell a hen to a neighbor.

"But tell me," the neighbor said, "is she a thegither a guid bird? Has she got nae faults, nae fauts at all?"

"Aweel, Margot," the other old woman admitted, "she has got one faut. She will lay on the Lord's day."

AN AWKWARD DODGE.

Milton D. Purdy of the Department of Justice said in Washington of a rumor brought to him for confirmation by a reporter:

"This rumor springs from ignorance, crass ignorance of the law. I am surprised that you should have credited it.

"The originator of that rumor is as plainly ignorant of the law as a certain schoolboy was of French.

"This boy's father said to him one night at dinner:

"Well, how are you getting on with your French, my son?"

"Very well, thank you, sir," the lad replied.

"The father beamed with pleasure.

"Ask politely in French for some peas," he said.

"There was an awkward pause. Then 'But father,' said the boy, 'I don't want any peas.'"

HIS NAME.

"Mother," said a college student who had brought his chum home for the holidays, "permit me to present my friend, Mr. Specknoodle."

His mother, who was a little hard of hearing, placed her hand to her ear.

"I'm sorry, George, but I didn't quite catch your friend's name. You'll have to speak a little louder, I'm afraid."

"I say, mother," shouted George, "I want to present my friend, Mr. Specknoodle."

"I'm sorry, George, but Mr. ————

"What was the name?"

"Mr. Specknoodle!" George fairly yelled.

The old lady shook her head sadly.

"I'm sorry, George, but I'm afraid it's no use. It sounds just like Specknoodle to me."—Everybody's Magazine.

public building, in the doorways or halls of any store, or place not their own, for the purpose of visiting, eating candy, peanuts or the like; or in a street, alley or vacant lot, or other obscure place, particularly male and female persons, for the purpose of flirtation, in the evening time.

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